



Spokane
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Central Basin Team Estimated Water Erosion on Cultivated Cropland

| | | < 2 tons/acre /year | 2.0 - 4.9 tons/acre /year | 5.0 to 9.9 tons/acre /year | 10.0 + tons/acre /year | Total |
|------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1982 | Estimated | 1,292,700 | 569,400 | 182,000 | 28,800 | 2,072,900 |
| 1982 | Error * | 80,000 | 68,600 | 25,500 | 8,300 | 113,600 |
| 1987 | Estimated | 1,061,300 | 698,000 | 165,400 | 39,300 | 1,964,000 |
| 1987 | Error * | 64,600 | 65,300 | 28,300 | 13,700 | 101,000 |
| 1992 | Estimated | 1,172,900 | 420,400 | 89,700 | 25,800 | 1,708,800 |
| 1992 | Error * | 75,800 | 53,800 | 26,000 | 14,100 | 93,100 |
| 1997 | Estimated | 1,029,600 | 444,100 | 139,000 | 39,100 | 1,651,800 |
| 1997 | Error * | 78,000 | 52,800 | 29,100 | 16,600 | 109,300 |

Estimates may not total because of rounding.

* The error referred to in the table is the standard error of the estimate.

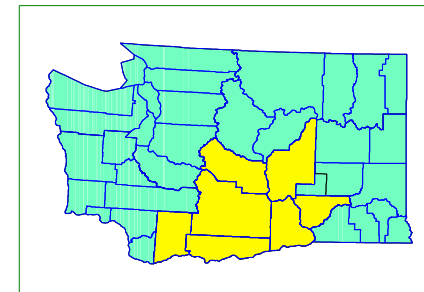
(To obtain the margin of error at the 95% confidence limit multiply the error by 1.96.)

Geographic Area of the Central Basin Team of Washington State:

Benton
Franklin
Grant

Kittitas
Klickitat
Skamania

Yakima



Water erosion as the result of intensive thunderstorms or freezing and thawing of fine textured soils has traditionally not been a problem in the central basin region. However, as more rangeland is converted to cropland water erosion has increased. Some rangeland that is being converted to cropland will become irrigated after a year or two of growing small grain and land smoothing activities are completed.